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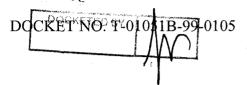
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COMMISSIONER WILLIAM A. MUNDELL COMMISSIONER AZ CORP COMMISSION 0 4 2000

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. A COLORADO CORPORATION, FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS OF THE COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF THE COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO

COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN THEREON AND TO APPROVE RATE SCHEDULES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH RETURN.



PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 14, 1999, the Hearing Division issued an Amended Rate Case Procedural Order establishing dates for the filing of testimony and a hearing on U S WEST Communications, Inc.'s ("U S WEST") application for increased rates and set a pre-hearing conference for January 6, 2000.

The pre-hearing conference currently scheduled for January 6, 2000 should be continued indefinitely pending a final Order regarding U S WEST's depreciation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the pre-hearing conference currently scheduled for January 6, 2000, is hereby continued indefinitely.

DATED this How day of January, 2000.

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